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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/803,898	Applicant(s) KURIYA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 67-75 and 77-83 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 67, 74 and 75 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 68, 77, 82 and 83 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 69-73, and 78-81 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 67-75, 77-83 remain pending.

Response to Arguments

The Applicants arguments filed on January 20, 2006 have been fully considered.

The amended claims a rejected in view of the newly discovered reference Ronning (US Patent 5,907,617)

The Corbin reference has been withdrawn.

See following rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 68, 77, 82 and 83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Stefik (US Patent No 5,715,403) in view of Ronning (US Patent 5,907,617).

As per claim 68,

Stefik ('403) discloses an information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for receiving from said information processing apparatus user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus (Figure 18)

first transmission control means for controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from an information processing apparatus;(Figure 19)

second reception control means for controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content; and storage control means for controlling the storing of said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content in correspondence with data for identifying said content.(Figure 18)

storage control means for controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus for identifying said transmission destination of said content in correspondence with data for identifying said content.(Figure 1)

Stefik ('403) does not explicitly disclose "second transmission control means for transmitting said information for identifying the transmission destination and usage condition to said information apparatus " Ronning ('617) discloses " second transmission control means for

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transmitting said information for identifying the transmission destination and usage condition to said information apparatus "(Figure 28). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Stefik ('403) method with the Ronning ('617) method in order to allow consumers to utilize a product for a trial period. (Column 13, lines 31-40, Figure 19 [the second transmission control means in Ronning allows the product to be converted from a trial product to a fully installed product]).

Claims 77, 82 and 83 are in parallel with claim 68 and are rejected for at least the same reasons.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 67, 74 and 75 are allowable over the prior art record.

Claims 69-73, and 78-81 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Examiners note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (571) 272-6712. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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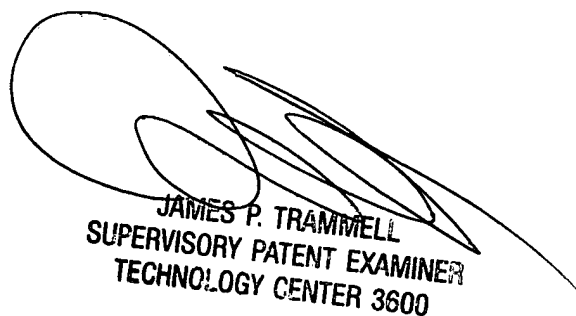
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